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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS PROPOSES ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING  
GROUP ON UN BUDGET MACHINERY (AGENDA ITEM 74)

1. NETHERLANDS MISSION SUBMITTED DRAFT DECISION  
DECEMBER 5 FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP TO  
MADE RECOMMENDATIONS ON BUDGET MACHINERY. TEXT IS  
CONTAINED IN PARA 4 BELOW.

2. NETHERLANDS IS WAITING FOR REPLIES FROM SEV-  
ERAL LDC'S (E.G. KENYA, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES) RE  
POSSIBLE CO-SPONSORSHIP. IF AND WHEN RECEIVED, SUCH  
CO-SPONSORSHIP WILL BE ANNOUNCED FROM FLOOR, TOGETHER  
WITH CO-SPONSORSHIP OF FRG, ITALY, AND, POSSIBLY,  
BELGIUM. US OFFERED TO CO-SPONSOR, BUT WEO GROUP  
FELT SUCH CO-SPONSORSHIP WOULD NOT HELP (AND MIGHT  
HURT) PROSPECTS OF DRAFT DECISION.

3. DEBATE STATEMENTS SO FAR INDICATE FAIRLY  
BROAD SUPPORT FOR CONCEPT OF WORKING GROUP, AL-  
THOUGH UK AND CANADA IN WEO MEETINGS HAVE IN-  
DICATED PREFERENCE FOR WORKING GROUP TO REPORT  
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4. TEXT OF DRAFT DECISION FOLLOWS:

THE FIFTH COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT IT:

1. DECIDES TO ESTABLISH AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME AND BUDGET MACHINERY, CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM 15 MEMBER STATES TO BE DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH SHALL:

(A) REVIEW THE EXISTING UNITED NATIONS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EXPERT MACHINERY FOR THE FORMULATION, REVIEW, APPROVAL AND EVALUATION OF PROGRAMMES AND BUDGETS, INCLUDING THE MEDIUM- TERM PLAN; AND

(B) RECOMMEND MEANS OF IMPROVING THE EXISTING SYSTEM, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

(I) THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THE FIFTH COMMITTEE DURING THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

(II) THE DELIBERATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE INFORMAL GROUP SET UP BY ECOSOC AT ITS FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION TO EXAMINE THE MACHINERY FOR PROGRAMMING AND CO-ORDINATION, AND THE FORTH-COMING INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF THE POLICY AND PROGRAMME COMMITTEE OF ECOSOC.

2. REQUESTS THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTIETH SESSION, AND TO SUBMIT ITS REPORT FOR CIRCULATION AMONG MEMBER STATES IN ADVANCE OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP AS REQUIRED TO FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE GROUP.

4. DECIDES TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP, TOGETHER WITH THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL ON THE SUBJECT-MATTER MENTIONED ABOVE, AT ITS THIRTIETH SESSION.

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